

To the Supream Authority of this **NATION**,
the **PARLIAMENT** of the *Common-wealth* of *England*.

*The Humble Petition of Richard Chambers, late Sberiff
and Alderman of London.*

SHEVVING,



Hat the severall sufferings of your *Petitioner* being so wel known, shal not particular, being for obeying the Parliaments Declaration and Protestation, in denying to pay the pretended demands of Tonage and Poundage to the late King, as due in *Anno*, 1628. without the Authority of Parliament, and for his zeal therein to Justice, and the Liberty and Right of the Subject, hath ventured his life, lost his estate and trade, by a severe Sentence in the Star-chamber, in *Anno*, 1629. contrary to Law, 23 years past; and 6 years Imprisonment by that Sentence, and 7060*l.* estate taken by Extents

for the said King. Besides all these losses, &c. your *Petitioner* hath in the late Wars poured out the remainder of his estate for the Parliament and City in severall services and places of charge, and ever been most faithfull to the Interest of this *Common-wealth* (without exception) to his present ruine.

For which it pleased the Parliament long since to choose (a speciall Committee of the House to examine his sufferings, which upon oath and plain direct proofs they found sufficient cause, and voted your *Petitioner* 13680*l.* in part of his damages and sufferings, as may appear by Record: For which the Parliament hath long since received of the old Farmers of the Customes for damages 50000*l.* for your *Petitioner*, and other suffering Merchants, in the third year of the late King, which as yet your *Petitioner* hath received no part thereof.

That your *Petitioner* hath waited long with many humble Petitions on this successfull and prosperous Parliament, for his damages, but as yet hath received no satisfaction.

Your *Petitioner* therefore now considering the great and weighty occasions and charge of the *Common-wealth*, with your *Petitioners* great wants to pay his debts and support his credit, and great family to preserve, doth most humbly crave of this Honorable Parliament, his damages voted him, to be supplied out of these four ways; a fourth part out of each way as followeth, or out of any one of these ways, as in your wisdomes shall seem fittest.

First, out of the 50000*l.* received for mee, &c. one fourth part of the 13680*l.* voted me. Secondly, out of the Customs of *London*, where his first troubles did arise, another fourth part.

Thirdly, out of the late Kings Forrest lands, for his unjust seizing and keeping his goods by Extents, another fourth part.

Fourthly, out of the lands estates and heirs of those 22 unjust Judges, or any of them, which sentenced me in the Starre-chamber contrary to Law, without proving their charge laid against me, &c. to have an Act to Enable me therein, or any other speedy way; I submit to the Honorable Parliament:

And shall (as in duty) pray, &c.

Richard Chambers.

WILSHALL
LONDON
JEREMY